

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims:

1-31. (cancelled)

32. (Original) A system for resecting at least a portion of a lateral or medial facet at the proximal end of a tibia, the system comprising:

a rasp body having a bottom surface with a plurality of cutting edges, the rasp body being adapted for placement on a lateral or medial facet at a proximal end of a tibia;

an elongated retention rod; and

means for removably engaging the retention rod with the rasp body such that the rasp body can be selectively reciprocated without substantial movement of the retention rod.

33. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the rasp body comprises a plate, the bottom surface of the plate being arched.

34. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the means for removably engaging the retention rod with the rasp body comprises:

a rasp guide slidably mounted on the rasp body such that at least a portion of the rasp guide projects from or is accessible through the bottom surface of the rasp body; and

the retention rod is configured to engage with the rasp guide.

35. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the means for removably engaging the retention rod with the rasp body comprises:

a slide plate slidably mounted on the rasp body;

a pair of spaced apart forks projecting from the slide plate so as to extend beyond the bottom surface of the rasp body;

a pin extending between the spaced apart forks; and

a hook formed on the end of the retention rod, the hook being configured to hook over the pin.

36. (Original) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the retention rod comprises:

a tubular set rod; and

a hook rod disposed within the tubular set rod.

37. (Original) A system for resecting at least a portion of a lateral or medial facet at a proximal end of a tibia, the tibia having a tunnel with a proximal end at a lateral, medial, or anterior side of a proximal end of the tibia and a distal end at the lateral or medial facet of the tibia, the system comprising:

a first resecting template at least partially bounding a first guide space extending through the first resecting template, the first resecting template being adapted for placement on the lateral or medial facet of the tibia such that the first guide space is aligned with at least a first portion of the lateral or medial facet of the tibia to be resected;

a retention rod adapted to fit within the tunnel formed on the tibia; and

means for removably engaging the retention rod to the first cutting template so that the retention rod secures the first cutting template to the lateral or medial facet of the tibia when the retention rod is received within the tunnel of the tibia.

38. (Original) A system as recited in claim 37, wherein the first cutting template comprises a plate having a top surface and an opposing bottom surface, the first guide space extending between the top surface and the bottom surface so as to be completely bounded by the plate.

39. (Original) A system as recited in claim 37, wherein the first cutting template bounds a plurality of discrete guide spaces.

40. (Original) A system as recited in claim 39, wherein each of the plurality of guide spaces comprises an elongated open channel extending through the first cutting template.

41. (Original) A system as recited in claim 37, further comprising a second cutting template at least partially bounding a second guide space extending through the second cutting template, the second cutting template being adapted for placement on the lateral or medial facet of the tibia such that the second guide space is aligned with at least a second portion of the lateral or medial facet to be resected.

42. (Original) A system as recited in claim 37, wherein the means for removably engaging the retention rod to the first cutting template comprises a hook formed on an end of the retention rod.

43. (Original) A system as recited in claim 37, wherein the retention rod comprises:

a tubular set rod; and

a hook rod disposed within the tubular set rod.